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Devonte Moorner Found Guilty of 1st Degree Manslaughter

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge John DeMarco found Devonte Moorner, 21, guilty of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the June 26, 2011 stabbing death of 18 year old Calvin Reid. On that date, Moorner stabbed Reid one time in the abdomen with a large knife on the corner of Avenue D and Hudson Avenue in the City of Rochester, puncturing the victim's vital organs, causing his death. The incident was captured on surveillance video and demonstrated the presence of over a dozen bystanders. Despite this, eyewitnesses to the crime refused to come forward, resulting in charges of Contempt of Court for one individual and making the prosecutor's case much more difficult to prove. In the end, however, Judge DeMarco found that the video, in addition to other physical evidence, was enough to identify Moorner beyond a reasonable doubt.

Bill Gargan of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the case for the People.

"The manner in which Devonte Moorner killed Calvin Reid, and the fact that he did it in such a public setting, leaves little doubt that he's an incredibly dangerous individual who is capable of extreme acts of brutality," said Gargan. "I give tremendous credit to the Rochester Police Department and to the store owners who provided the critical video that lead to this conviction. Without them, a killer would still be walking the streets of our city."

Moorner is scheduled to be sentenced March 13th, where he faces up to 25 years in prison.

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